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# STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

### Rabies—Muzzling of Dogs Required. (Order of Commissioners Aug. 5, 1914.)

Under the provisions of section 7 of the act of Congress approved June 19, 1878, entitled "An act to create a revenue in the District of Columbia by levying a tax upon all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes," the commissioners hereby give notice that every dog in said District shall, for a period of one year from and after the 9th instant, wear a good and substantial muzzle, securely put on, so as to prevent it from biting or snapping; and any dog going at large during said period without such muzzle shall be taken up by the poundmaster and impounded.

### Appropriation for Work of Health Department and for Medical Inspection of Schools. (Act of Congress July 21, 1914.)

[The following appropriations are for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915]:

Health officer, $4,000; assistant health officer, $2,500; chief clerk and deputy health officer, $2,500; clerks—one $1,400, five at $1,200 each, four at $1,000 each, one $729; sanitary inspectors—chief $1,800, eight at $1,200 each, two at $1,000 each, two at $900 each; food inspectors—chief $1,600, five at $1,200 each, six at $1,000 each, five at $900 each; chemist, $2,000; assistant chemist, $1,200; skilled laborer, $600; assistant bacteriologist, $1,200; skilled laborer, $720; messenger and janitor, $600; driver, $600; poundmaster, $1,200; laborers, at not exceeding $50 per month each, $2,000; in all, $64,540.

Not less than 12 of the sanitary and food inspectors above provided for shall be employed in enforcement of milk and pure-food laws and regulations relating thereto and in the inspection of dairies and dairy farms.

For enforcement of the provisions of an act to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1897, and an act for the prevention of scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, chicken pox, epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, and typhoid fever in the District of Columbia, approved February 9, 1907, and an act to provide for registration of all cases of tuberculosis in the District of Columbia, for free examination of sputum in suspected cases, and for preventing the spread of tuberculosis in said District, approved May 13, 1908, under the direction of the health officer of said District, and for the prevention of other communicable diseases, including salaries or compensation for personal services, not exceeding $12,000, when ordered in writing by the commissioners and necessary for the enforcement and execution of said acts, and for the prevention of such other communicable diseases as hereinbefore provided, purchase and maintenance of necessary horses, wagons, and harness, purchase of reference books and medical journals, and maintenance of quarantine station and smallpox hospital, $25,000: *Provided*, That any bacteriologist employed under this appropriation shall not be paid more than $6 per day and may be assigned by the health officer to the bacteriological examination of milk and other dairy products and of the water supplies of dairy farms, and to such other sanitary work as in the judgment of the health officer will promote the public health, whether such examinations be or be not directly related to contagious diseases.

For maintenance of disinfecting service, including salaries or compensation for personal services when ordered in writing by the commissioners and necessary for maintenance of said service, and for purchase and maintenance of necessary horses, wagons, and harness, $6,000.

For enforcement of the provisions of an act to provide for the drainage of lots in the District of Columbia, approved May 19, 1896, and an act to provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia by the commissioners, and for other purposes, approved April 14, 1906, $1,500.

For special services in connection with the detection of the adulteration of drugs and of foods, including candy and milk, $100.

*Bacteriological laboratory.*—For the purchase and installation of new apparatus, $2,000.

For the replacement of apparatus and supplies, $1,000.

For maintaining and keeping in good order, and for the purchase of reference books and scientific periodicals, $300.

In all, $3,300.

For contingent expenses incident to enforcement of an act to regulate the sale of milk in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved March 2,1895; an act relating to the adulteration of foods and drugs in the District of Columbia, approved February 17, 1898; an act to prevent the adulteration of candy in the District of Columbia, approved May 5, 1898; an act for preventing the manufacture, sale, or transportation of adulterated or misbranded or poisonous or deleterious foods, drugs, medicines, and liquors, and for regulating traffic therein, and for other purposes, approved June 30, 1906, $1,000.

For necessary expenses of inspection of dairy farms, including amounts that may be allowed the health officer, assistant health officer, medical inspector in charge of contagious-disease service, and inspectors assigned to the inspection of dairy farms, for maintenance by each of a horse and vehicle, or motor vehicle, for use in the discharge of his official duties, not to exceed $240 per annum, and allowances for such other inspectors in the service of the health department as the commissioners may determine, of not exceeding $100 per annum for maintenance of a motorcycle each, for use in the discharge of their official duties, and other necessary traveling expenses, $6,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

*Garfield and Providence Hospitals.*—For isolating wards for minor contagious diseases at Garfield Memorial and Providence Hospitals, maintenance, $7,000 and $5,000, respectively, or so much thereof as, in the opinion of the commissioners, may be necessary; in all, $12,000.

For maintenance, including personal services, of the public crematory, $2,000.

For one motor vehicle for the sanitary and food inspection service of the health department, at a cost not exceeding $800, and for the maintenance thereof, $400; in all, $1,200.

For completion of the pound and stables, as follows: For metal folding shutter for the wagon shed, $1,000; painting inside walls, $50; erecting flagpole, $75; screens and awnings, $100; and fire hose, $100; in all, $1,325.

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*Medical inspectors.*—Thirteen medical inspectors of public schools, one of whom shall be a woman, two shall be dentists, and four shall be of the colored race, at $500 each; in all, $6,500: *Provided,* That said inspectors shall be appointed by the commissioners only after competitive examination, and shall have had at least three years' experience in the practice of medicine or dentistry in the District of Columbia, and shall perform their duties under the direction of the health officer and according to rules formulated from time to time by him, which shall be subject to the approval of the board of education and the commissioners.

For five graduate nurses, one of whom shall be colored, who shall act as public-school nurses, at $900 each, $4,500.